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NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for issue of new landline telephone connections by the MTNL/BSNL in the country specially in Gujarat as on date; and

(b) the income earned by the Telecom Department as on February 1, 2007?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of applications received for issue of new landline telephone connections by MTNL/BSNL from 01.04.2006 to 31.01.2007 is 2,26,493 and 19,01,500 respectively. The details of applications received State-wise are given in the Annexure.

The number of applications received in Gujarat Telecom Circle during the corresponding period is 1,05,044.

(b) The income earned by the Telecom Department for the year 2006-07 (up to 31.01.2007) is Rs. 8,854.51 crores. Income earned by PSUs under the Department of Telecommunications for the year 2006-07 (up to 31.01.2007) is as follows:

BSNL 31728.32 crores (provisional and unaudited).
MTNL 3886.45 crores (provisional and unaudited).
ITI 809.13 crores (provisional and unaudited).
TCIL 285 crores (provisional and unaudited).